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Water experts urge disaster readiness

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AFP) - Recent water disasters in Japan, Australia and Brazil stress the need for emergency readiness as the world faces massive urbanisation and more natural catastrophes, experts at a UN forum said yesterday.

"The data that we have shows that these kind of events are likely to happen and we have to be prepared for them," said World Water Council Vice President Ben Braga, whose native Brazil suffered deadly floods in January.

A session on water disasters ahead of World Water Day 2011, marked annually on March 22, urged preventive action to tackle water catastrophes.

"If now in fact we are having more severe floods and droughts in the future due to



climate variability it becomes even more important that this water management takes place immediately," Braga told AFP.

Deadly floods have hit countries like Australia, South Africa and Sri Lanka this year with an unprecedented tsunami devastating Japan on March 11.

Japan Water Forum Director Inoue Tomoo said the country will re-evaluate its 10-meter (33-foot) anti-tsunami dykes, built after a giant wave hit in 1933, after this month's massive wall of water left more than 20,000 people dead or missing.

"Some areas were destroyed even though we constructed the dykes. We have to evaluate the effect of this infrastructure," he said, adding that Japan was still in the initial phase of rescue and recovery and housing displaced people.

Airside Safety Week begins with recognition of exemplary achievements



Guest lecturer Roy Mezas presenting The Key to Managing Safety



Peter Steinmetz CEO of Aruba Airport authority

The Aruba Airport Authority is conducting their 6th annual Airside Safety Week at the Reina Beatrix International Airport, beginning yesterday morning with award presentations to the most outstanding company and individual in observance of safety standards for 2010.

Demitri Pavlowitch, Manager of General Air Services, came forward to accept a handsomely engraved plaque on behalf of his entire team of over 200 employees who see to all the ground services, in-



Demitri Pavlowitch of General Air Services, Safety Manager Eric Martijn and Franklin Yazagary of AAA

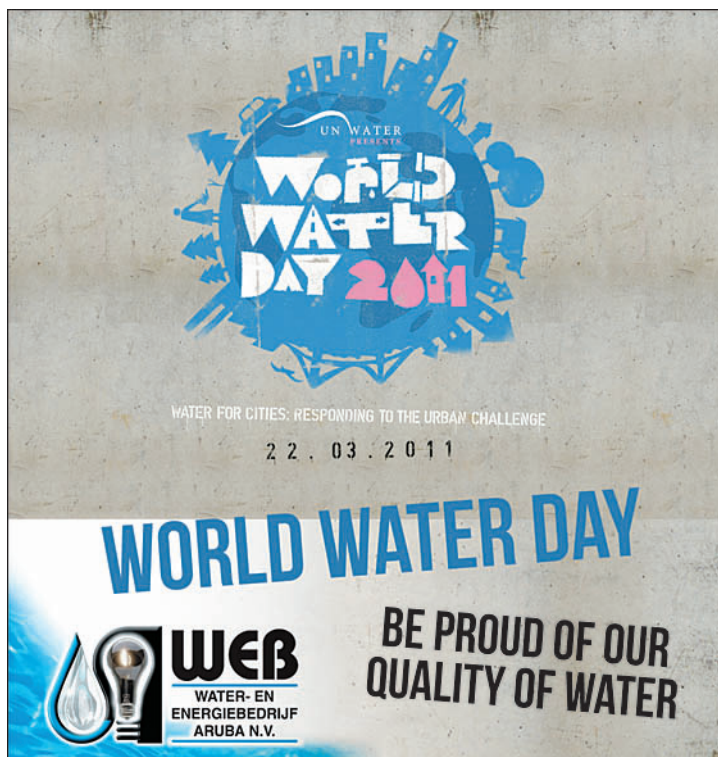
cluding cleaning the planes and transporting luggage, for the Safe Company of the Year Award. Franklin Yazagary of the AAA was named Safe Employee of 2010 and the plaques were distributed by Airport Safety Manager Eric Martijn.

The five days of safety sessions and activities began with a lecture by leadership facilitator and trainer, Roy Mezas, titled "Leadership-The Key to Managing Safety"; this is the fourth con-

secutive year he has worked with AAA executives during their Airside Safety Week.

AAA CEO Peter Steinmetz expressed his regrets by video that he could not be present for the opening event and awards, as he is in Curaçao conferring with their airport authority. He acknowledged the necessity of the Airside Safety Week but emphasized that "commitment is required on all levels.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

NATO struggles to overcome divisions on Libya action

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - NATO struggled yesterday to overcome divisions about a role in the military operation in Libya, as France resisted pressure to let the alliance take over and Turkey criticised the bombing campaign.

As more nations joined a Western coalition pounding Moamer Kadhafi's forces, NATO was still debating whether, and in what form, the Western military organisation should join the UN-mandated intervention.

NATO members France, Britain and the United States have acted as individual nations in the air and sea campaign against Kadhafi's regime, with US military officers coordinating operations from bases in Germany and Italy.

But London, Rome and several other alliance members favour moving to a centralised NATO command, with Norway even saying its six fighter

jets would stay grounded as long as it was unclear who was running the operations.

US President Barack Obama said he expected NATO to get involved in a "coordinating function" in the next phase of the operation within days.

Several NATO members insist that the alliance is the best vehicle to steer the complex operations in Libya, which involve warplanes and warships scattered across Mediterranean bases.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said NATO should take command of the international military operations. He warned that if NATO did not take over quickly, Italy could take back control of the bases used by the coalition on its territory.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe indicated that NATO could "come in support" of the international campaign "within a few days", signalling a back-up role for



LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, BENGHAZI : A Libyan jet bomber crashes after being shot down in Benghazi as Libya's rebel s stronghold came under attack.

AFP PHOTO

the alliance rather than the lead.

France, whose fighter jets launched the first salvos in the campaign against Kadhafi on Saturday, has resisted handing the baton to NATO in Libya, fearing a backlash from Arab nations that it wants to bring into the campaign.

"Many countries that urge

us to conduct operations under the NATO flag tell us to take Arab nations into account, but Arab nations do not want an operation under the NATO flag," Juppe said.

But Germany and Turkey have voiced their own misgivings about NATO's involve-

ment, albeit for different reasons than France.

Germany, which abstained in the Security Council vote when the resolution was passed, said initial criticism of the strikes by the Arab League's chief showed that Berlin had been right to fear military intervention.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu criticised the Western strikes and said the way the coalition was formed did not "sufficiently" observe legal procedures.

NATO envoys endorsed contingency plans for humanitarian aid operations and enforcing an arms embargo after marathon talks on Sunday, but failed to take a stand on the no-fly zone.

The ambassadors held a new round of "very difficult" talks Monday and were likely to resume their deliberations today, NATO officials said.

Queen Marie-Antoinette's desk back in Versailles Palace

VERSAILLES, France (AFP) - Nearly 222 years after the French Revolution, a desk made by royal cabinetmaker Jean-Henri Riesener is back in the Versailles Palace after being acquired by the French state for 6.75 million euros (\$9.4 million).

French Culture Minister Frederic Mitterrand on Monday officially turned over to the palace the elegant piece which has been classified as "a work of major cultural value".

The desk is composed of an apron with four drawers decorated with the four gilt-bronze low reliefs -- a trademark of the celebrated German cabinetmaker.

The purplewood, sycamore, and rosewood veneer is decorated with gilt bronze ornaments including the four low reliefs depicting allegories (Music twice, Painting, and

Sculpture) and two escutcheons representing baskets of flowers.

The desk had been ordered for display in the Petit Hameau (The Little Hamlet), located in the English-style gardens of the Petit Trianon at Versailles.

But it will now be displayed in the private apartment where Queen Marie-Antoinette (1755-1793), wife of King Louis XVI, used to entertain her children and friends.

At the time of the French Revolution in 1789, the Versailles Palace's furniture was auctioned and more than 17,000 pieces were scattered around the world.

Many are now found in royal residences, particularly in Britain, or in major foreign museums, notably in the United States, or are owned by private collectors or antiquarians.

Singer Martelly tipped to win in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Partial results suggested yesterday that carnival singer Michel Martelly was on course for a landslide in quake-hit Haiti's surprisingly peaceful presidential run-off election.

There had been fears Sunday's polls, delayed for months by bickering over a violence-plagued first round in November, would be overshadowed by the return from exile of charismatic ex-president Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

But Aristide honored a commitment not to upset the delicate political situation and voting in a Caribbean nation whose recent past has been scarred by dictatorship and upheaval was largely without incident.

Tally sheets read out on television and radio indicated



Martelly was well ahead of his rival, former first lady Mirlande Manigat, in key urban areas such as Petionville and the Cite Soleil slum in the capital.

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Radisson Makes a Donation to Fundacion RESPETA BIDA...semper corda



The Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa made a donation to Fundacion RESPETA BIDA...semper corda, which translates into RESPECT LIFE...always remember.

The foundation's main goal is to safeguard the rights of every member of society in Aruba; promote tolerance, solidarity, freedom and equality of every co-citizen; fight specifically against practices of: racism, anti-semitism and xenophobia, which can rear their ugly heads at any time.

Pictured here the secretary of the foundation Martha Goldenberg-Lichtenstein and Marlon Pieters who is assisting with fundraising efforts for the first Project, accepting the donation from the resort's General Manager Rob Smith and Human Resources Manager Angelique Croes.

The foundation's first Project is placing a charming Anne Frank statue at a local park located in front of Juliana School

and Reina Beatrix School in Oranjestad. The foundation chose Anne Frank as a commemorative symbol to remind society at large of the dangers of discrimination and to urge school children to learn how to co-exist peacefully.

Anne Frank stands as a symbol of atrocities committed against the innocent, as her youth and finally her life was taken away from her during the Second World War at the hand of the Nazi regime, in Germany. Her personal diary titled *Het Achterhuis*, was translated into more than 70 languages, and recently also into Papiamentu, affords us insight into her life as a prisoner of the evil regime.

Fundacion RESPETA BIDA...semper corda is convinced that Anne Frank as a symbol will inspire every human being, young and old, to always be alert against any kind of discriminatory manifestation.

Airside Safety Week begins . . .

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AIRSIDE SAFETY WEEK 2011

WHAT?
Airside Safety Week

WHEN?
March 21-25, 2011

WHERE?
Airside Council Room
(in the ASU office)

Aruba Airport Authority N.V. American Airlines

There will be a lot of attractive door prizes!!

There is a total complex of procedures and processes which defines "airport safety," however, it is the mindset that is important to upgrade our knowledge, practice and understanding. It must be in the hearts and minds of our people, not only on paper."

Airside Safety Week continues today with lectures on "Dangers of Using Electronic Devices," in the morning, and "The Dirty Dozen," - How Accidents Occur" in the after-

noon, with an emphasis on mass trauma and evacuation plans in an emergency including HAZMAT and First Response procedures. These subjects will be repeated on subsequent days as airside employees attend the lectures in shifts. The week will finish on Friday with a presentation by Aruba's Fire Department and practical training in extinguishing fires.

by Rosalie Klein



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New flights to Aruba with KLM

LONDON, England -- Year-round access to Aruba is becoming easier for UK visitors, with the introduction of new KLM Royal Dutch Airlines' flights on 30 October 2011.

Due to take effect when the airline's winter schedule is launched, KLM's service to Aruba will increase from 2 to 5 times per week.

UK travellers planning to connect to Aruba can catch flights to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport from 19 UK Airports, including London, Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow.

The flights will depart from Amsterdam on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays at 12:05 hours and will arrive in Aruba at 17:10 hours on the same day. The return flight will depart from Aruba on the same days at 18:30 hours, arriving in Amsterdam the next day at 10:25 hours, leaving

plenty of time for connecting flights to/from the UK.

The new flights will further reinforce Aruba as one of the top 10 Caribbean destinations for British travellers. The island continues bucking the trend in the Caribbean, with year-on-year UK visitors increasing by more than 26 per cent in 2010.

Aruba Tourism Authority UK director Joanna Walding comments:

"Aruba is one of the fastest growing destinations in the Caribbean for British holidaymakers. With KLM's increased service this winter, the island is becoming more accessible than ever - with temperatures rarely dipping below 28°C, Aruba is the perfect destination for some winter sun."

Aruba is also accessible year-round from the UK on a number of American air carriers, as well as British Airways, connecting via the

States. TUI flies directly to the island from the UK from May to October.

For more information on KLM and the increased flights please go to: klm.com

For more information on visiting Aruba please go to: aruba.com



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Rancho Blue Lagoon Celebrated Flag & Anthem Day and 6th Fishing Tournament

It was a day of great festivities, lots of fresh fish and comradery among fishermen!



Last Friday, Aruban fishermen met at the Blue Lagoon in Spaans Lagoen for a tremendous family day and their annual fishing tournament. In the wee hours of the morning, just before dawn, about 14 boats set out to sea to compete in the fishing tournament celebrated in honor of our national Day, and successfully brought back more than 300 kilos of fish. While our fishermen were battling the rough seas to bring in their catch everyone was in a festive mood enjoying a tremendous family event with great food and drinks on shore at the Rancho Blue Lagoon.

The Winners:

for the prizes sponsored by, among others, Centro di Pesca Hadicurari and Fishing Paradise. The winners were: The largest fish of the entire tournament was from the boat dubbed "Nancy" of Captain Edson Kelly which weighed in at 18 kilos – giant Mulato.

Fishermen of Rancho Blue Lagoon are known for their catches of the Djampau (fish's Papiamento name), for this reason every year there is a special prize for the king of Djampau. This year the prize for the biggest Djampau went to the "Glendeline" boat with her 6.5 kilo Djampau

Third place winner went to the "Spanish Fly" boat of Captain Wendy Kelly who brought in a total of 64 kilos of fish. Second place winner was the tea of captain Briesen with his "Tonino" boat who caught an 80 kilo fish. The grand prize winner of this year's tournament was the "Nancy" boat with Edson Kelly as its captain, who brought in a whopping 102 kilos of fish. Wild votes coming from participants, which was also possible, went to the "Tonino" boat.

Dedication:

The organization of the fishing tournament dedicated this year's tournament to five persons. Mr. Leo "Le" Erasmus received a commemorative plaque recognizing him as the initiator of the tournament six years ago and for his con-

sistent and faithful participation at activities for fishermen. Another fisherman who also received special recognition was Mr. Japi Werleman for his accomplishments as a fisherman and for his successful fishing career. Next, was Mr. Gilbert Rasmijn who was recognized for his contribution to fishing in Aruba and for his willingness to always support the fishermen of Aruba. Mr. Byron Boekhoudt received recognition for his general support to fishing in general.

The fifth person to receive recognition was Mrs. Gwendy Kock. Mrs. Kock received honorable mention for her faithful participation at all of the 6 blue lagoon tournaments and as the only female who heads out to sea to fish in the Blue Lagoon Tournaments

every year, and in all other fishing tournaments. In his speech, John Laurence made mention that the recognition given to Mrs. Kock should be an encouragement to other women to follow her example and to participate in next year's tournament.

Special Thanks:

Mr. Laurence, on behalf of the commission expressed thanks to all volunteers, sponsors, participants and the general public for coming out in such great numbers to this 6th annual tournament. Despite the rainy weather they were very pleased with the way that the day went and with the great attendance by the community. Once more, it was obvious that there is great admiration from everyone for our fishermen.

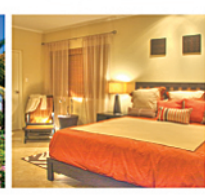
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This coming Sunday, March 27th, FPNC is organizing a HUGE radio and television telethon at South Beach Center. They have a dedicated team of volunteers who are working very hard to make this a HUGE success, but only with your participation will this be possible.

Various radio and television stations, including Canal 90,

Top FM, Latina, Tele Aruba, ITV 49 Canal 22, Boletín Extra and 24 hours have already confirmed their participation along with Magic and ATV, who are the 2 biggest supporters of this project. These radio and TV stations have already confirmed, but the invitation is still open to any media who would like to support this cause.

The goal of Man na Curazon is to get individuals and businesses to complete a monthly standing order for a minimum of one year. For those unable to participate in the monthly standing order, but still wish to donate to the great cause they will be selling

a specially designed T-shirt – with the Man na Curazon logo – for the day. All proceeds going to the FPNC.

In case you can't make it to South Beach Center during this big day, the organizers have a special road team of 6 cars prepared to come to you so you can fill out your standing order form.

The event will be filled with lively entertainment by, among others, Tsunami, The Failures and Idol Mist, dance groups, face painting and dino-jump for the children, and much, much more. Also there is a unique performance with more than 20 of our local artists on stage at the same time singing the song “Stand by Me” which they recorded last week for this unique occasion!

There will also be many great prizes from various sponsors around the island including dinners, a weekend stay at the Aruba Marriott, and weekend stay at the Curaçao Marriott-including airfare, Gift Certificates, DVD Set for cars, Airline tickets and the big

prize will be a brand new BRAND NEW BYD FO car courtesy of Garage Cordia;

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rized by the company to do so.

FPNC has invited our politicians and influential people to be present to show their solidarity for helping those people in need. They also have a list of local celebrities who will be on stage to MC the events for the day.

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World learns from Dutch to keep head above water

ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands (AFP) — Dubai's Palm Island, New Orleans' upgraded dykes and Australia's water recycling plants all have one thing in common: they benefited from Dutch know-how gained in the country's age-old quest for dry feet.

"The Netherlands has always battled against this natural enemy -- water," said Hanneke Heeres of the Union of District Water Boards (UvW), which after 900 years existence is the Netherlands' oldest government body.

"And with global warming and rising sea levels the world is more and more interested in Dutch expertise," he told AFP.

Currently, Dutch companies are focusing efforts on projects on delta areas in five countries: Mozambique, Egypt, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Vietnam.

An abiding image of the Netherlands is the boy from a famous children's tale who plugs a hole in a dyke with his finger to save his country from inundation -- and with reason: the country's lowest point is 6.74 meters (22.2 feet) below sea level.

In all, 26 percent of the country is below sea level.

"Already 10 centuries ago, the Dutch were making sand piles on which to build their homes, out of reach of the water," Bert Groothuizen of Van Oord dredging company told AFP.

"As technology advanced, they designed machines like dredging boats," now being exported around the world along with Dutch water engineers.

Today, the country has a



A general view of the Afsluitdijk (closure dyke) near Den Oever, the Netherlands

global reputation in "delta-technology" - claiming some 40 percent of the world's turnover in the open market. This excludes states who protect domestic makers of flood-barriers, dykes and bridges with anti-competition measures.

Out of a population of 16.5 million, the Netherlands also boasts some 2,000 companies in the field of water, employing about 80,000 people.

"As early as the seventh century, Dutch specialists were creating canals and dikes near the Elbe" River in what is modern-day Germany, said Christine Boomsma, spokeswoman for Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP), an information network of companies, government, knowledge institutes and NGOs.

Dutch savvy in the field has gone well beyond Europe and already been put to use in Africa, Asia and the Americas.

Its experts helped build storm surge barriers in St. Petersburg and Venice, helped make Jakarta flood resilient and advised on climate adapta-

tion plans for the Maldives and southeast Asia's Mekong Delta.

"The United States became interested in our expertise after Hurricane Katrina" killed nearly 1,500 people in New Orleans in 2005, said Heeres of the UvW.

"In New Orleans, we reinforced a line of dykes to make them more solid, higher, and bigger," added Matthijs van Ledden of the engineering firm Royal Haskoning. "We also constructed new flood barriers."

Another example of Dutch ingenuity: artificial island complexes constructed in the sea off Dubai -- not only the ambitious Palm Island, in the shape of a palm tree, but another mimicking a map of the world.

Dubbed simply The World, the second complex comprises more than 300 islands in the shape of the continents, fashioned out of more than 325 cubic metres (11,477 cubic feet) of sand dredged from the bottom of the ocean.

Climate change: UN parties complete inventory of pledges

PARIS, France (AFP) — Developing countries have submitted their plans for tackling greenhouse-gas emissions under the UN flag, completing a double inventory decided in Mexico in December, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change said yesterday.

The listing of voluntary, "nationally appropriate" actions follows an inventory of emissions reduction targets by developed countries, the Bonn-based secretariat said.

The documents form the basis of a system of "mutual accountability", a planned confidence-building mechanism to let countries know what counterparts are doing in the fight against climate change.

The 194 UNFCCC parties also agreed in Cancun to estab-



A line of solar power panels installed for public electricity supply in Shenyang, in northeast China's Liaoning province. (AFP/File/AFP)

lish a Green Climate Fund (GCF) with the potential to channel hundreds of billions of dollars in aid from rich economies to poor, vulnerable nations.

They rallied around a call to cap warming to two degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit) and

on ways to fight deforestation, a leading cause of climate change.

The two-week meeting was blighted over the fate of the Kyoto Protocol, the landmark treaty whose obligations on wealthy countries to cut emissions expires in late 2012.

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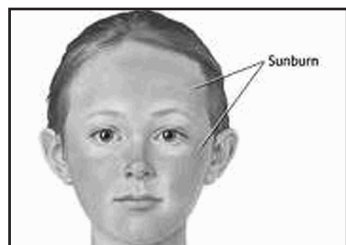
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Sunburn

Definition

Sunburn usually appears within a few hours after sun exposure and may take from several days to several weeks to fade.

Intense sun exposure that



results in sunburn increases your risk of certain complications and related skin diseases. These include dry, wrinkled skin; liver spots; actinic keratoses; and skin cancer, including melanoma.

You can prevent sunburn and the related skin conditions by protecting your skin whenever you're outdoors, even on cloudy days. If you do get sunburn, several home remedies and treatments can relieve your pain and speed the healing of your skin.

Symptoms

Signs and symptoms of sunburn include:

- Pinkness or redness
- Skin that feels warm or hot to the touch
- Pain or tenderness
- Swelling
- Small fluid-filled blisters, which may break
- Headache, fever and fatigue if sunburn covers a large area or Any part of your body. Your eyes, which are extremely sensitive to the sun's ultraviolet light, can also burn. Sunburned eyes may feel painful or gritty.

Signs and symptoms of sunburn usually appear within a few hours after sun exposure. But it may take a day or more to know the full extent and severity of sunburn.

Within a few days, your body starts to heal itself by "peeling" the top layer of damaged skin. After peeling, your skin may temporarily have an irregular color and pattern. Depending on the severity, it may take several days or more for the sunburn to heal.

When to see a doctor

See your doctor if the sunburn:

- Is blistering and covers a large portion of your body
 - Is accompanied by a high fever, extreme pain, confusion, nausea or chills
 - Doesn't respond to at-home care within a few days
- Also, seek medical care if you notice signs or symptoms of an infection. These include:*
- Increasing pain and tenderness
 - Increasing swelling
 - Yellow drainage (pus) from an open blister
 - Red streaks, leading away from the open blister, which may extend in a line upward along the arm or leg

Causes

Sunburns are caused by exposure to too much ultraviolet (UV) light. Commercial tanning lamps and tanning beds also produce UV light and can cause sunburn.

UV light causes the skin to burn, bringing pain, redness and swelling.

You can get sunburn on hazy or cloudy days. UV rays can also reflect off snow, ice, sand, water and other reflective surfaces, burning your

skin as severely as direct sunlight.

Risk factors

Different skin types

People with fair skin are more likely to sunburn than are people with dark skin. That's because people with darker skin have more melanin, which offers some protection from sunburn but not from UV-induced skin damage.

Classification of skin types

Skin type Skin color Reaction to sun exposure

Type 1 Pale white skin Always burns, never tans

Type 2 White skin Burns easily, tans minimally

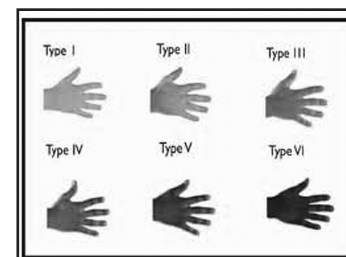
Type 3 White skin Burns minimally, tans slowly

Type 4 Light brown or olive skin Burns minimally, tans easily

Type 5 Brown skin Rarely burns, tans easily and darkly

Type 6 Dark brown or black skin Rarely burns, always tans, deeply pigmented

Regardless of your skin type, the sun's energy pene-



trates deeply into the skin and damages DNA of skin cells. This damage may ultimately lead to skin cancer, including melanoma. Even people with type 5 or 6 skin can develop skin cancer, often on the palms, fingers or other more lightly pigmented areas of their bodies.

In addition to skin type, living in a sunny or high-altitude climate increases your risk of sunburn. People who live in sunny, warm climates are exposed to more sunlight than are people who live in colder climates. In addition, living at higher elevations, where the sunlight is strongest, exposes you to more radiation and increases your chances of sunburn and skin damage.

International Day Festival at International School of Aruba



The Netherlands students



Pady Lampe and Hubert (Lio) Booi



Spanish Dance

The International School of Aruba (ISA) celebrated the 32 nations represented by the students in the school at the school's annual International

Day festival. The students formed a parade carrying their home country flags, the parents cooked delicious foods from around the world

for lunchtime feast, and then the students performed songs and dances from their home countries. ISA students Oriana and Oriella Mansur hosted the morning parade, and Maria Andrade and Billy Chugani served as MCs in the afternoon.

In celebration of 25 years of Status Aparte, the school hosted Pady Lampe and Hubert Booi who wrote the Aruban National Anthem. The school was honored to be able to recognize these talented men's contribution to Aruba. The Aruban students sang the anthem, as well as other songs written by Pady Lampe, accompanied by their music teacher Vivian Lacle.

Prime Minister Eman was unable to attend, but telephoned his best wishes to the students. Minister Visser and Minister De Meza were able to stop by to enjoy some of the performances and also expressed their appreciation for the joyful sharing of culture.

The ISA International Day festival is a celebration of the global community that they experience every day at ISA. The concept of community has expanded over the years to a broader understanding than the old communities that consisted of one's immediate family and neighbors in a village with a shared church and a school. Today, with airplanes and the internet and cell phones, the whole world is their community.

During the International Day Festival, the 32 countries of origins of the students were united in an expression of honor and appreciation of all cultures.

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Minister Hooyboer demonstrates her support by participating in 1st Aruba bird count on March 18
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ORANJESTAD – On March 18, Aruba's National Anthem and Flag Day, Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar sat in her garden to do her part for the first Aruba National Bird Count.

The bird count was an initiative of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation Foundation with the purposing of assisting them in monitoring the island's bird population. It will be repeated every March 18 to measure the increase or decrease of native avian life.

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According to Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar, it was a very nice way to start the day before attending all the protocol activities related to our National Day.

"I want to remind everyone who took part in the national bird count to hand in their forms at any Government Auxiliary Office, the Department of Culture or at Bestial Pet Shop in Tanki Flip no later than March 31, 2011," she concluded.

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Aruba Art Circle with great concert of the Duo Habana de Camara in Aruba



Friday, March 25, Aruba Art Circle will present another interesting concert in the Cas di Cultura of the "Duo Habana De Camara" consisting of pianist Ana Gabriela Fernández de Velazco and violinist Fernando Muñoz del Collado.

The concert will start at 8 o'clock in the evening and is organized by the Aruba Art Circle in cooperation with the Department of Culture of Aruba.

Fernando Muñoz del Collado started his musical studies under the tutelage of his father, the violinist Alfredo Muñoz, until his secondary level studies. Then he continued his studies at the "Instituto Superior de Arte" graduating with the "Titulo de Oro" in 2007. He has since won many trophies in national and international contests among them the "Trofeo de Oro de la Interpretación" at the "Festival Primavera" in Pyongyang in 2009.

He made his debut as a concert violinist at the age of nine interpreting the Double concert for Violins of Johan Sebastian Bach with the "Orquesta Sinfónica Infantil in Cuba. Thereafter he gave numerous concerts and in May of 2010 he performed in Venezuela the "Concierto en Fa# menor" of José White, the famous Cuban violinist and composer.

Ana Gabriela Fernández de Velazco started her studies when she was 7 years old and graduated at the academy with the "Titulo de Oro." She also studied with two organists Kay Johancen and Frances Viril, professor at the academy in Paris. During her career she performed in the "Teatro Luisa de Cienfuegos" and in all the concert halls of Havana. Since 2009 Fernando and Gabriela have integrated in the Duo Habana de Camara. This duo has a vast musical repertory of national and international chamber music and has performed in numerous concerts. Recently the Duo has recorded a CD with compositions of the XIXth century Cuban composer José White.

This duo has prepared a very beautiful and interesting program for the concert here in Aruba with works of Mozart and Grieg for the first part of the program followed by a second part consisting of works of Cuban composers such as Andrés Allen, Guido Gavilán, José Maria Vitier and José White.

Tickets will be available at Cas di Cultura before the concert.

All lovers of good music are cordially invited to assist at this great and interesting event and enjoy an unforgettable evening.

The weekly Bon Bini Festival is tonight!

ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminstraat. The festival is for tourists and locals to mix and mingle and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This weeks the festival will feature the traditional Aruban Caha d'Orgel. "Nos Cultura," musical group; "Ola Tropical," Dance group; "Youth in Action," solo singer: "Quincy Hasham," and steel band: "New Generation." MC is Juby Naar

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and handicraft on sale.

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duled bus transport from all hotel areas to Oranjestad's central terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is US\$2.30.

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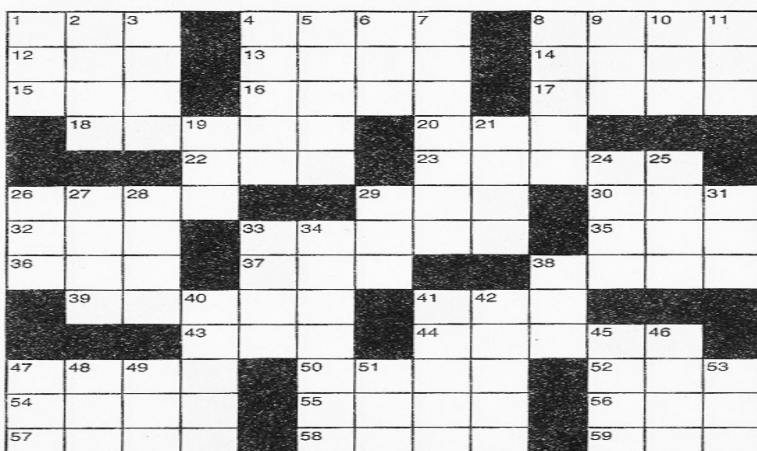
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Portugal says political crisis could hasten bailout:

BRUSSELS (AFP) – A political crisis in Portugal brought on by harsh austerity measures needed to meet EU budgetary demands could push Lisbon into requiring an international bailout, the country's finance minister said yesterday.

"If we enter a political crisis at this point, that will create great difficulties for the country to access financial markets and I believe that would place at risk our capacity for self-financing," Fernando Teixeira dos Santos said on arrival for talks among eurozone ministers on the size, shape and scope of a permanent rescue mechanism for troubled economies.

Dos Santos was speaking after the head of Portugal's main opposition party said negotiations with the minority government over its plans to impose more austerity measures were on hold. Prime Minister Jose Socrates has said he will resign if the package is rejected.

The new austerity measures were due to be submitted to parliament on Monday and be debated on Wednesday. The opposition was expected to try to force a vote on the measures.

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Japan quake leads GM Korea to cut production:

SEOUL (AFP) – The S.Korean unit of General Motors said it would reduce production this week by up to 10 percent because of a possible lack of parts from Japan following the devastating earthquake.



GM Korea -- formerly GM Daewoo -- said it would stop four hours a day of overtime work from Monday at its plants in the western city of Bupyeong and in the southwestern port of Gunsan. The company said it would also suspend eight hours a day of extra work during the week-

end at Gunsan. But it will maintain its current work schedule at its plant in the southern city of Changwon.

"Overall, up to 10 percent of production will be reduced," a GM Korea spokesman told AFP. "The move is temporary, and our company will decide whether to reduce production next week while watching the situation in Japan," he said.

S.Korea's top automaker Hyundai Motor and its affiliate Kia Motors said they have not been affected by the March 11 quake and tsunami in Japan.

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Buffett says Japan quake a 'buying opportunity'



– File photo (AFP) of Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett.

SEOUL, S.Korea (AFP) – US billionaire investor Warren Buffett said that a massive natural disaster would not hamper the future of the Japanese economy and could prompt a new bout of stock buying.

"I'm not looking at Japan's economic future differently from 10 days ago... extraordinary events offer (a) buying opportunity," he told reporters.

Buffett, the chairman of investment firm Berkshire Hathaway, was visiting South Korea to attend a ground-breaking ceremony for a local unit of Israel's Iscar Metalworking Companies, 80 percent owned by Berkshire Hathaway.

Japan's Nikkei index lost around 10 percent in the week following the devastating March 11 quake and tsunami.

Buffett, however, urged against selling Japanese stock -- markets were closed in Tokyo yesterday -- and said Japan would recover relatively quickly, Yonhap news agency said.

The disaster, which has left 8,649 people dead and 13,262 missing, could cost the Japanese economy up to \$235 billion, the World Bank said.

Growth, however, should pick up in subsequent quarters "as reconstruction efforts,

which could last five years, accelerate", it said.

Buffett, known as the "Oracle of Omaha" for his investment savvy, said Berkshire was seeking further acquisitions worldwide including South Korea following its \$9 billion purchase of US lubricant maker Lubrizol.

"We're looking at a number of big businesses in Korea, the US, the UK. We hope to find good companies wherever they may be. Basically, it's the bigger, the better," he said.

The tycoon also played down military and nuclear threats from North Korea, saying the communist country "isn't a big threat" to the firm's investment in the capitalist South.

Buffett was scheduled to meet with South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak later this week.

Oil prices jump after West launches Libyan air strikes

LONDON (AFP) – World oil prices rallied Monday in the aftermath of Western air strikes on key crude exporter Libya.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in May was up \$1.23 to \$115.16 a barrel in late London trade.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for May, added \$1.17 to \$102.24 a barrel.

French, American and British forces have launched the biggest intervention in the Arab world since the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq, firing more than 120 Tomahawk Cruise missiles and conducting bombing raids into Libya on week-end.

"Oil prices have gone up due to military attacks in Libya from UN forces," said Victor Shum, an analyst at energy consultants Purvin and Gertz.

"More oil installations could be damaged due to collateral damage and internal sabotage," Shum told AFP.

He added: "The unrest in the Middle East and North African region may spread to other (parts of the) region, and



hence the contagion effect on oil prices remain. Oil supply disruption is going to support prices in its triple digits."

International sanctions and unrest have meanwhile virtually halted all of Libya's oil exports.

Libya was producing 1.69 million barrels a day before its violence erupted, according to the International Energy Agency. Of this 1.2 million barrels were exported, mostly to Europe.

"In the short term, the attacks of the coalition do not change much as exports were already down to almost zero," noted PetroMatrix analyst Olivier Jakob in Zurich.

"Having a view on how long it will take before oil can flow again is too difficult at this stage as the map is changing from hour to hour.

"A stalemate at current positions leaves most of the oil

export ports in the hands of the Kadhafi regime," he added.

In London, the Centre for Global Energy Studies said the oil market needed "a clear unambiguous signal" from the OPEC cartel that the lost Libyan production would be replaced, or risk a repeat of the 2008 price surge when crude futures struck record highs above \$147 a barrel.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), of which Libya is a member, produces about 40 percent of the world's oil.

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Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery, THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olgita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain – to die for – Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese.

Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the pizza is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

Besides the original plain pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with banana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and bacon.

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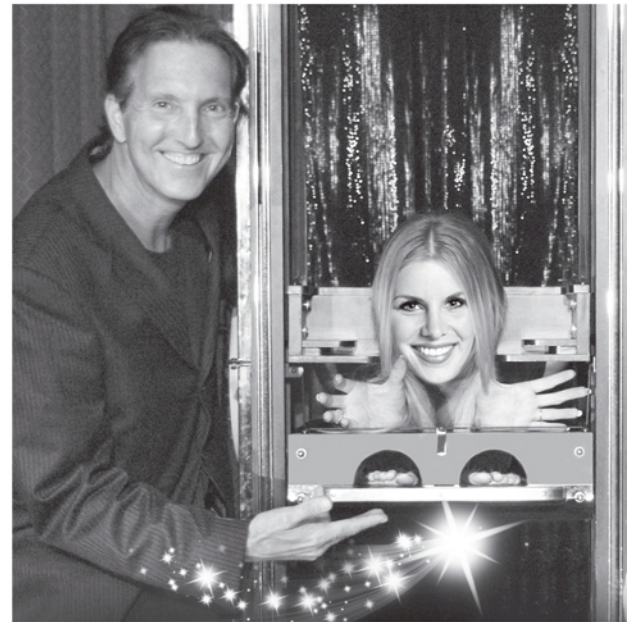
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Rapper Wyclef Jean wounded in Haiti shooting



PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Haitian-born rapper Wyclef Jean said he was grazed by a bullet in the hand on the eve of his country's historic presidential run-off election but did not see it as a political attack.

"We got a graze by a bullet. We don't blame it on anyone, a lot of people (were) saying, 'Do I blame it on the opposition' or whatever? No," said Wyclef as he went to cast his ballot in Sunday's poll.

Meanwhile fellow musician Pras Michel, who with Jean was part of popular Fugees hip hop group, wrote in a Twitter message that the rapper was in the hospital but doing well after being wounded in the hand.

Police contacted here by AFP said they were conducting an investigation, but as yet did

not have any suspects in the alleged shooting.

Jean, 41, a Haitian-American who rose to fame as a member of the Fugees had his own bid for the presidency scuttled, but he has been a strong backer of another singer, Michel "Sweet Micky" Martelly.

After being barred from running for the presidency for failing to meet the residency requirements, Jean has downplayed his political ambitions, but has said he would like to contribute to the rebuilding efforts by helping to organize the country's many non-governmental organizations and investing in its future.

Martelly is facing off against former first lady Mirlande Manigat in a bid to replace President Rene Preval, in the final round of an election marred by violence and allegations of fraud.

The winner faces the challenge of rebuilding the Western Hemisphere's poorest country following a January 2010 earthquake that flattened the capital, killing more than 220,000 people.

Cameras finally roll on 'The Hobbit'

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AFP) - After years of wrangling and delays, Oscar-winning director Peter Jackson finally called "action" on his latest Tolkien epic "The Hobbit".

The \$500 million project, a two-part prequel to "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, began filming in New Zealand yesterday, Hollywood studio Warner Bros. said.

"The Hobbit" has been dogged by problems, prompting British actor Martin Freeman, who plays the title character Bilbo Baggins, to acknowledge last month that he had heard rumours it was jinxed.

Freeman, best known for his work in "The Office", will join "Cold Feet" actor James Nesbitt on the set, with Cate Blanchett (Galadriel), Ian McKellan (Gandalf) and Elijah Wood (Frodo) reprising their "Lord of the Rings" roles.

The most serious threat to the movies erupted last October, when actors' unions slapped a global boycott on the production in a dispute over pay and conditions,



The Hobbit's (L/R) Pippin, Merry, Frodo and Sam of "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

prompting Jackson to look at shifting filming from New Zealand.

Warner Bros. finally agreed to keep the production in the country, which provided a stunning backdrop to the "Rings" movies, after the government changed employment laws and gave the studio millions of dollars in tax breaks.

Before that, the project was stalled for years amid rows over distribution rights, reported budget blowouts and financial woes at the MGM studio, prompting director

Guillermo del Toro to quit last year.

It even became embroiled in a race row last November, when a casting agent was sacked for telling a woman with an Indian background that she was too dark to be a Hobbit.

Then, with Jackson confirmed as del Toro's replacement in the director's chair and cameras ready to roll, the New Zealander suffered a perforated ulcer and was rushed to hospital for emergency surgery, leading to more delays.

Golf: Webb wins inaugural LPGA Founders Cup



Karrie Webb of Australia poses with the championship trophy after the final round of the RR Donnelley LPGA Founders Cup at Wildfire Golf Club

PHOENIX, Arizona (AFP) - Australia's Karrie Webb won her second title in three LPGA events this season, firing a six-under par 66 on Sunday to take the inaugural LPGA Founders Cup by one stroke.

Webb appeared destined for a playoff with Brittany Lincicome, but the American took only her second bogey of the 54-hole event at the 18th hole to give the Aussie veteran her 37th career LPGA title on 12-under par 204.

"Brittany played great this week, played great today," Webb said. "I'm just glad to be standing here as champion."

Webb, a seven-time major champion, won the HSBC Women's Championship last month in Singapore but was six strokes off the pace when the final round began.

Victory in the \$1 million event brought no prize money for the 36-year-old LPGA Hall of Famer, with all prize money going to charity. Half the money went to LPGA youth programs while top-10 finishers directed donations of the

rest.

Webb donated \$100,000 to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation to combat paralysis and in a surprise move announced after the victory donated \$100,000 to charities working on the Japanese earthquake and tsunami relief effort.

"The Japan people have done a lot for me, Japanese companies as well, and I feel like I need to give back to them," Webb said.

The Cup paid tribute to the 13 founding LPGA players, three of whom greeted players Sunday as they exited the 18th green.

"I'm really honored to win the inaugural Founders Cup," Webb said. "It's a great concept and we need to honor these ladies more than we do. The reason we're playing today is because of them. It means a lot to me to be champion."

Lincicome said she had no idea her stumble at 18, her first bogey since the sixth hole on Friday, had cost her the title.

Lincicome shared second

with compatriot Paula Creamer on 205, one stroke ahead of Cristie Kerr with American Angela Stanford, who led after each of the first two rounds, fifth on 207.

Of 18 LPGA players trying to claim money for the Japanese earthquake and tsunami relief effort, Creamer, South Korean Sun Young Yoo and Australian Sarah Jane Smith finished in the top-10 to provide donations.

Event sponsor RR Donnelley was set to provide \$25,000 for Japan relief efforts after two days and add \$500 for every birdie and \$1,000 for every eagle on holes 15-18 on Sunday in the "Finish Strong for Japan" program.

The title chase boiled down to a back-nine shootout between Webb, Lincicome and late-charging Creamer.

Stanford took bogeys at the fourth and eighth holes to slip back and two more and 12 and 14 dropped her out of contention.

Webb charged into the hunt with a sizzling start. She opened with a birdie and bounced back from a bogey at the third with birdies at the par-5 fifth and par-3 sixth. Another at eight and her fifth birdie of the day at 11 put her on 10-under with a share of the lead.

Lincicome birdied the par-5 11th to seize the lead but Webb answered the challenge with a birdie at the par-3 14th to share the lead again.

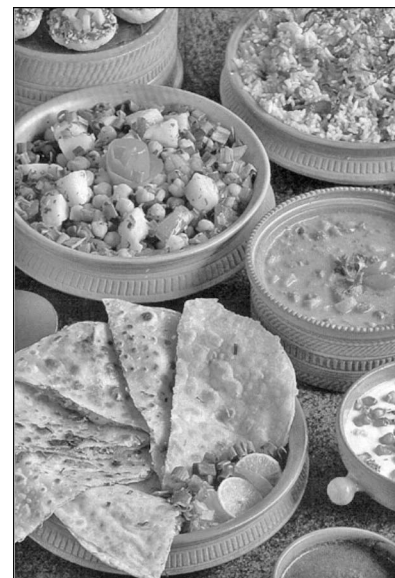
Creamer put herself into the mix with a late run, back-to-back birdies to end the front nine and again at 15 and 16 highlighting a run of six birdies in nine holes that put the US star at 10-under, one behind Webb and Lincicome.

Webb just missed to the left on a curling 15-foot eagle putt at the par-5 15th, but her birdie tap-in was good enough to put her on 12-under par.

Creamer dropped in an eight-foot birdie putt at 17 to pull within one of Webb but a par at 18 left her in the clubhouse one off Webb's lead, although Lincicome matched Webb with a birdie of her own at the 15th.

Webb backed off twice before sinking a four-foot par putt at 18 to complete a round of 66 with the lead while Lincicome was parring the 17th to stay even, setting the stage for Lincicome's stumble at 18.

Lincicome was short of the green, blasted the ball 10 feet past the cup and missed.



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India, Pakistan head closer to cricket W.Cup collision

NEW DELHI, India (AFP) - Bitter rivals India and Pakistan are on a World Cup collision course, but first the two neighbours have quarter-final hurdles to overcome as the marathon tournament enters its sixth week.

India take on defending champions Australia in Ahmedabad on Thursday while Pakistan face an inconsistent West Indies in Dhaka to kick-start the last eight stage on Wednesday.

Victory for both Asian giants will set-up a semi-final blockbuster in Mohali on March 30.

New Zealand and South Africa meet in Dhaka on Friday before Sri Lanka and England clash in Colombo on Saturday as the World Cup, which staged its opening ceremony on February 17, comes down to the world's eight top-ranked sides.

India's 80-run win over the West Indies in Chennai on Sunday handed Mahendra Singh Dhoni's men a quarter-final against Ricky Ponting's team in Ahmedabad.

India have lost to Australia in nine out of 15 matches played on home soil in the last five years.

"Australia are a very strong side and very expressive on the field," said Dhoni.

"But it's about how we prepare. Preparation is very important and we are just thinking about that particular day and match rather than thinking about the result."

Pakistan, meanwhile, topped their qualifying group with 10 points.

They will be overwhelming favourites to defeat West Indies who squeezed into the quarter-finals by virtue of a superior run-rate to Bangladesh.

Olympics: Obama intends to attend 2016 Rio Olympics

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AFP) - US President Barack Obama, said Sunday he intends to attend the first South American Olympics.

In the keynote speech of his inaugural stop on his first Latin American tour since taking office, Obama praised Brazil and its growing role on the world stage, including its role as host for football's 2014 World Cup.

"You play an important role in the global institutions that protect our common security and promote our common prosperity and you will welcome the world to your shores when the World Cup and the Olympic Games come to Rio de Janeiro," Obama said.

"You may be aware that

this city was not my first choice for the Summer Olympics," Obama said to laughs from the crowd.

"But if the Games could not be held in Chicago, then there's no place I would rather see them than right here in Rio and I intend to come back in 2016 to watch what happens."

If Obama were to be re-elected in 2012, he would be the US President when Rio plays host to the Olympics in August of 2016.

Obama is known as a devoted basketball fan and enjoys playing golf, making those likely venues for him to appear as a spectator. Rio will feature the return of golf to the Olympics after an absence of more than a century.

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Djokovic defeats Nadal to win Indian Wells crown

INDIAN WELLS, California (AFP) — Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic won the ATP Indian Wells title, rallying to beat world No. 1 Rafael Nadal 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 and improve his record this season to 18-0.

Djokovic, who took over the No. 2 world ranking by beating Roger Federer in the semi-finals, on Sunday avenged a loss to Nadal in the 2007 Indian Wells final.

The 23-year-old Serbian has looked invincible this season and Sunday's victory in the California desert underlined that.

Djokovic fired four aces,

including two key ones to hold serve in the second set, in the two-hour, 25-minute match to capture his second Indian Wells crown.

"I am having the best period of my life on the tennis court," Djokovic said. "I am playing with a lot of confidence. I'm feeling the ball well on the court. I'm very dedicated and I have a big will to win each match. "So it will not stop here."

Djokovic took the second set in dramatic style, winning a marathon ninth game on the sixth set point after Nadal had saved five. The game, which lasted over 10 minutes, ended



Novak Djokovic of Serbia poses with his trophy after defeating Rafael Nadal of Spain.

when Nadal hit a backhand wide in front of a near-capacity crowd of about 15,000.

It was part of a six-game win streak for Djokovic that stretched from the end of the second and into the third set and proved to be the turning point.

Djokovic broke Nadal in the first game of the third set and cruised to victory from there. He hammered aces on the final points to hold serve in the fourth and sixth games.

Djokovic has compiled an incredible 18-match win streak this season and is 20-0 dating to the Davis Cup final in December. Besides winning the Australian Open this season, he captured his 20th career title last month in Dubai.

"I am extremely happy with the way I'm playing and with the success that I'm having," Djokovic said.

Nadal had his serve broken five times in the match, including twice at the beginning of the final set.

Nadal had a dreadful time controlling his serve, especially in the second set when he won just two points off his first serve the entire set.

"I was just thinking, 'Please put one in,'" Nadal said. "The serve was the difference today."

Two-time Indian Wells winner Nadal was on a blistering pace of his own this week as he came into the final having dropped just one set in the tournament.

But Sunday's loss leaves Nadal without an ATP title this season. His last victory came in Tokyo in October.

Nadal said he sees Djokovic as the main threat to his world No. 1 ranking.

"Djokovic is in the best position," Nadal said. "We will see what's going on during the clay season. After the first six months of the season we start to see what are the chances of everybody."



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NBA: Police nab man with knife on NBA court

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) - Los Angeles police arrested a man wielding a knife on week-end after a standoff for about an hour on the court ahead of an NBA game between the Los Angeles Clippers and Cleveland Cavaliers.

The incident began after the man was noticed walking onto the court with the knife. More than two dozen arena security guards surrounded the man until police arrived, with early arriving spectators being kept out of the arena.

The man, who was not identified by police, walked to the visitors seating area and stood there talking with three police officers who were pointing guns at him from about 20 feet (six meters) away.

When the man made a move toward a tunnel leading off the court, police tackled him, then led him out of the arena in handcuffs. The court was reopened for players about 20 minutes later.

It was uncertain how the man was able to enter the arena or reach the playing area.

Players from both clubs, who could not walk onto the court for typical pre-game shooting drills, watched on a television monitor outside the visitors locker room until being instructed to return to their locker rooms.

The Cavaliers, a league-worst 13-54, and Clippers, 26-43, were given an extra five minutes to warm up before the afternoon game, which the Clippers won 100-92.

Clippers rookie Blake Griffin, a high school and college star in Oklahoma who turned 22 on Wednesday, scored 30 points to power the Clippers past Cleveland once the teams were able to play.

But the bizarre delay was on their minds.

"That was crazy, man," Griffin said. "There aren't too many knife standoffs in Oklahoma, not that I can remember, so it's a first for me."

"We were trapped in (the locker room) for a while, but both teams had to go through it, so it didn't really put us at a disadvantage."

US homer king Bonds goes on trial



lab known as the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative.

Bonds has insisted that his legacy -- shattering Hank Aaron's home run record and garnering a record-setting seven Most Valuable Player awards -- was not accomplished with deliberate cheating.

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) - US home run king Barry Bonds faced perjury charges here yesterday in a trial that will see testimony by a parade of baseball stars and an ex-girlfriend on his alleged use of performance enhancing steroids.

The former San Francisco Giants slugger, the target of a long-running federal probe, is alleged to have lied to a federal grand jury in 2003 when he said he never knowingly used banned drugs.

Bonds, 46, is charged with four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice. He has pleaded not guilty.

The trial is the culmination of a saga that began more than seven years ago with an Internal Revenue Service raid on BALCO headquarters in Northern California.

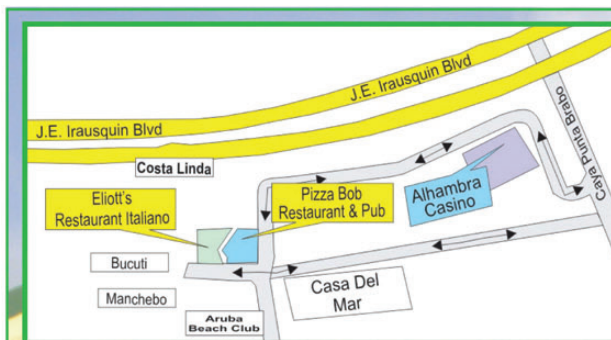
What started as a tax evasion case quickly became a full-blown investigation of performance-enhancing drugs at the highest levels, ensnaring elites in baseball, athletics and American football.

The witness list is a who's who of athletes tainted by the BALCO steroid scandal, players who say Bonds' trainer and childhood friend, Greg Anderson, provided them with designer drugs from the strip-mall steroids

Because Anderson has refused to testify, prosecutors will call half a dozen players -- including first baseman Jason Giambi, currently with the Colorado Rockies, and his brother, Jeremy Giambi, who last played for the Boston Red Sox -- to testify about their interactions with Anderson and BALCO drugs.

Bobby Estalella, a former Bonds teammate, was expected to testify about several discussions he had with Bonds about Bonds' use of performance-enhancing drugs, court records show.

Anderson, an admitted steroid dealer, has already spent more than a year behind bars for refusing to testify before a grand jury about Bonds and banned drugs. He will likely be jailed during this trial as well. The trial is expected to last three to four weeks and should be ongoing when the Major League Baseball season starts on March



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Boxing: Cotto stops Mayorga to retain title

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AFP) - Puerto Rico's Miguel Cotto kept his World Boxing Association super welterweight crown by stopping Ricardo Mayorga of Nicaragua 53 seconds into the 12th round on Saturday.

Cotto inflicted the only

knockdown of the fight in the opening seconds of the last round during an exchange with a stunning left hook, staggering Mayorga, who went down on his knees and grabbed his left hand in pain.

Mayorga rose and continued for a few seconds, but

Cotto landed a stinging left to Mayorga's chest and seconds later, the challenger stopped the fight, saying he could not continue because of his injured hand.

Cotto improved to 36-2 with his 29th stoppage inside the distance in his first fight

after a nine-month layoff that included right shoulder surgery.

Former world welterweight champion Mayorga fell to 29-8 with one drawn only three months after ending a 26-month layoff, then saying he would retire.



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